

Odyssey Charter School Approved Classical Literature

As we work toward a classical education for your child, our goal is that we use books that are classical in nature, proven quality literature, and somewhat time-tested, enabling your child to become a great thinker, learner and contributor to society. Students may pick from any of these books for book reports, as long as they are reasonably challenging. Teachers may approve books not included on this list.

CALDECOTT (picture book) winners and honors NEWBERRY (literary) winners and honors

Grades K-3

Aardema, Verna. Who's in Rabbit's House?

Aesop. Fables

Asch, Frank. Mooncake

Atwater, Richard and Florence. Mr. Popper's Penguins

Bemelmans, Ludwig. Madeline

Benchley, Nathaniel. Sam the Minuteman

Blume, Judy. Freckle Juice

Brett, Jan. The Mitten

Briggs, Raymond, The Snowman

Brown, Marcia. Stone Soup

Brown, Margaret Wise. Goodnight Moon

Brunhoff, Jean de. The Story of Babar

Burton, Virginia Lee. Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel

Burton, Virginia Lee. The Little House

Carle, Eric. The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Cleary, Beverly. The Mouse and the Motorcycle

Collodi, Carlo. Adventures of Pinocchio

Crampton, Gertrude. Tootle
Crews, Donald. Freight Train
Daugherty, James. Andy and the Lion
dePaola, Tomie. Strega Nona
Flack, Marjorie. The Angus series
Flack, Marjorie. The Story about Ping
Freeman, Don. Corduroy
Fritz, Jean. The Cabin Faced West
Gag, Wanda. Millions of Cats
Galdone, Paul. The Three Little Pigs
Goble, Paul. The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses
Gramatky, Hardie. Little Toot
Hoban, Russell. Bedtime for Frances
Holabird, Katharine. Angelina Ballerina
Jackson, Kathryn & Byron. The Saggy Baggy Elephant
Johnson, Crockett. Harold and the Purple Crayon
Joyce, William. George Shrinks
Keats, Ezra Jack. The Snowy Day
Kellogg, Steven. Prehistoric Pinkerton
Kraus, Robert. Leo the Late Bloomer
Krauss, Ruth. The Carrot Seed
Krauss, Ruth. A Hole is to Dig: A first book of definitions
Leaf, Munro. The Story of Ferdinand
Lear, Edward. A Book of Nonsense
Lear, Edward. The Owl and the Pussycat
Levinson, Riki. Watch the Stars Come Out
Lionni, Leo. Frederick
Lobel, Arnold. Frog and Toad Are Friends
Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. Paul Revere's Ride

Lopshire, Robert. Put Me in the Zoo
Lowrey, Janette Sebring. The Pokey Little Puppy
Marshall, James. George and Martha
McCloskey, Robert. Blueberries for Sal
McCloskey, Robert. Make Way for Ducklings
McDermott, Gerald. Anansi the Spider
Merriam, Eve. You'll be Good and I'll be Night: Jump on
the Bed Poems
Milne, A.A. Winnie-the-Pooh
Noble, Tinka Hakes. The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash
Parish, Peggy. Amelia Bedelia
Piper, Watty. The Little Engine That Could
Potter, Beatrix. The Tale of Peter Rabbit
Rey, H.A. Curious George
Sendak, Maurice. Where the Wild Things Are
Sendak, Maurice. The Nutshell Library
Seuss, Dr. The Cat in the Hat
Seuss, Dr. One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish
Seuss, Dr. Fox in Sox
Slobodkina, Esphyr. Caps for Sale
Steig, William. Sylvester and the Magic Pebble
Steig, William. Doctor De Soto
Stevenson, Robert Louis. A Child's Garden of Verses
Taylor, Sydney. All-of-a-Kind Family
Thompson, Kay. Eloise
Thurber, James. Many Moons
Udry, Janice May. A Tree is Nice
Van Allsburg, Chris. The Garden of Abdul Gasazi
Van Allsburg, Chris. The Polar Express

Viorst, Judith. Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No
Good, Very Bad Day
Ward, Lynd. The Biggest Bear
White, E.B. Charlotte's Web
Williams, Vera B. A Chair for my Mother
Wood, Don & Audrey. The Little Mouse, The Red Ripe
Strawberry, and the Hungry Bear
Williams, Margery. The Velveteen Rabbit
Wood, Don & Audrey. The Napping House
Yashima, Taro. Crow Boy
Zion, Gene. Harry the Dirty Dog
Zolotow, Charlotte. William's Doll